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**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the previous abstract with the following amended clean abstract:

**Abstract**

The invention relates to the use of NF- $\kappa$ B inducing kinase (NIK) and related molecules for the modulation of signal activities controlled by cytokines, and some new such molecules.